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OCI MEMORANDUM

Review of Cuban F & M Reports

As far back as November 1960 unconfirmed reports have referred to the presence of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Cuba. A Foreign Agricultural Service Report No. 150, dated 7 November 1960, reported that twenty cases of FMD had occurred in Santiago de Cuba. An incoming State Department cable from San Jose, Costa Rica to Secretary of State dated 29 November 1960 reported that FMD was suspected of being present in Cuba. Again on 25 March 1961 an outgoing Department of State cable to Bern requested confirmation of a UPI report concerning an outbreak of FMD in Oriente Province of Cuba. Bern reported that no evidence was available to support rumors of an FMD outbreak. A Miami news release and the Northern Virginia Sun Allen-Scot report dated 28 November and 3 December 1962 respectively reported that the Soviets were sending beef to Cuba infected with FMD. A report from the OCI Night Journal dated 2 July 1963 again referred to an OO-K report stating that Cuba was engaging in bacteriological warfare against the U.S. and in fact was introducing FMD into several U.S. states (in 70776 c).

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